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## Medicare Part D - As Easy As 1, 2, 3

### What is Medicare Part D and how do I get help with the cost?

Medicare Part D is a prescription drug benefit that begins in January 2006. You pay a monthly premium, have a \$250 deductible, and Medicare pays for part of your prescriptions. If you have less than \$16,515 in income (\$22,140 for a couple) and have less than \$11,500 in assets (\$23,000 for a couple), you may be eligible for help paying some or all of the monthly premium, \$250 deductible, and most of the cost of the prescription.

Beginning in June 2005 and throughout the summer, you can go to a **Part D Event** to get more information and see if you'll be eligible for help. Call Sage PLUS at 586-7299 (Neighbor Islands: 1-888-875-9229) to find out where the closest **Part D Event** is to you. **Whether you go to an event or not, you'll need to do the three steps to get Part D:**

#### **STEP 1   Apply:**

Check to see if you can get help with the cost of Part D prescription drug coverage by completing an Application for Help with Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Costs. If you did not get an application in the mail, call 1-800-772-1213 and ask for one to be sent to you. Return it to Social Security in Pennsylvania in the envelope provided. You should do this right away so you will know if you'll get help when it's time to enroll in Part D in late 2005.

#### **STEP 2   Select:**

In mid-October, contact the Prescription Drug Plans (PDP) to find out what prescriptions each plan carries. You can find out about the PDP in Hawaii by calling 1-800-MEDICARE or go online at [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov).

#### **STEP 3   Enroll:**

Enroll in Part D beginning November 15, 2005 by contacting the Prescription Drug Plan you've selected in STEP 2.

#### **Questions?**

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